

Group I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a method, classified in Class 75, subclass 368.

Group II. Claims 22-32, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 266, subclass 137.

The Examiner stated as follows:

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

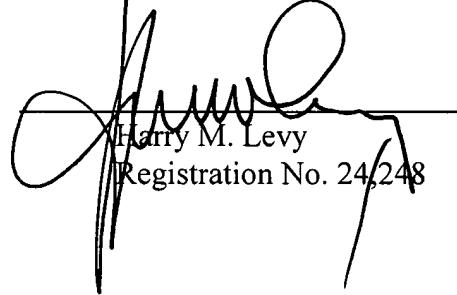
Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)).

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-21, with traverse, drawn to a method.

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